

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) A selective information retrieval system disposed at least in part in a computing system and comprising:

first means for receiving an information retrieval request from a first source, said first source being an external a first search engine connected to said computing system via a network, or from a second source, said second source being an internal a second search engine disposed within said computing system, said information retrieval request relating to price information;

second means for ascertaining an attribute of a determining the source of said request, said attribute being at least partially independent from said request and relating to an internal or external nature of the search engine from which the search request originates; and

third means for retrieving information in response to said request and said attribute source, said third means including means for retrieving a first price set of data in response to a retrieval request from said first source and a second price set of data in response to a retrieval request from said second source.

2. (Original) The invention of Claim 1 wherein said first means includes a network interface.

3. (Original) The invention of Claim 2 wherein said network interface is a Web interface.

4. (Original) The invention of Claim 2 wherein said network interface is an intranet interface.

5. (Original) The invention of Claim 1 wherein said second means is a source detector.

6. (Original) The invention of Claim 5 wherein said third means includes a database management system.

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7. (Currently Amended) A selective information retrieval system disposed at least in part in a computer system, said information retrieval system comprising:

first means for receiving a first information retrieval request from a first source;

5 second means for retrieving a second information retrieval request from a second source; and

third means for retrieving information from a first database ~~from~~ for said first source in response to said first request and for retrieving information from a second database ~~from~~ for said second source in response to said second request.

8. (Original) A selective information retrieval method including the steps of:
receiving an information retrieval request from a first source;
ascertaining an attribute of said source, said attribute being independent from
said request; and
retrieving information in response to said request and said attribute.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein said attribute relates to whether
said source is internal or external.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein said attribute relates to the
location of a user.

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11. (Original) The method of Claim 10 wherein said information includes a tax rate for said user at said location.
